

State Birth Defects Program Indicators

(Taken from the Birth Defects Surveillance Program Working Logic Model)

Surveillance

- Quality and current data are produced and disseminated.
- Quality assurance for completeness of data is tested through ongoing improvement efforts using statistical methods.

Capacity development

- Matrix identifying capacity building objectives, strategies, and partner list is completed and approved.
- Data driven prevention and referral plan is developed through partnership engagement.
- Ongoing partner meetings take place to exchange progress information and make midcourse modifications.

Prevention

- Data driven list identifying at-risk populations is developed to guide prevention efforts.
- Appropriate prevention partners are engaged and a plan to reach target audiences is developed.
- Targeted audiences are reached using appropriate prevention or intervention strategies (e.g., folic acid consumption via dissemination of folic acid supplements, preconception health, and maternal risk factors).

Referral

- Referral protocols are tested for effectiveness.
- Baseline data are available to indicate changes in number of referrals & number of people receiving early intervention and special education services.
- Timely referral to services is evidenced,
- Gaps in referrals are identified using appropriate methods (e.g., qualitative research using focus groups).